

METHOD FOR IMPROVED HOST CONTEXT ACCESS IN STORAGE-ARRAY-  
CENTRIC STORAGE MANAGEMENT INTERFACE

ABSTRACT

5           A storage array contains firmware which maintains topology and other  
information in a computer system. Individual host computers each have a host context  
agent which interfaces with both thin client devices and the storage array. A user by a  
simple GUI command or set of commands may update and/ or retrieve topology and  
other computer system configuration information which is stored by either a host  
10   computer or the storage array or both.